

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 61

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sally Ann Jacobs Wells of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sally Ann Jacobs Wells; and

WHEREAS, Sally Wells was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on April 12, 1937, in Orange County, Indiana, Mrs. Wells was the daughter of Glen Martin Jacobs and Pauline D. Abel Jacobs; she grew up in French Lick, Indiana, and graduated from French Lick High School in 1955; and

WHEREAS, after attending Ball State Teachers College for a short time, Sally Wells returned home and gained employment at the French Lick Sheraton Hotel as the secretary of the assistant manager; and

WHEREAS, she married the love of her life, Bill Wells, on September 22, 1957, and on May 30, 1960, they moved to Lafayette, where Bill was employed as the manager of Lafayette Manufacturing Company; and

WHEREAS, while making a home for herself, her husband, and their three boys, Sally Wells became involved in a variety of community activities; she was a room mother, a Cub Scout den mother, treasurer of the American Cancer Society, chairman of the American Heart Fund memorial, member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, chairman of the Red Cross Blood Drive, and director of the Macon County Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, one of her greatest joys was working with the Macon County Fair; she served as board secretary/treasurer for thirty-one years at the local level, in addition to two terms as a Tennessee Association of Fairs (TAF) director; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, she received the Thornton Taylor Award, the highest honor given by TAF; her other accolades include serving as grand marshal of the Macon County Christmas Parade, receiving the Will Hall Sullivan Community Service Award in 2000, and having a building on the Macon County Fairgrounds named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout faith, Mrs. Wells was an active member of Lafayette United Methodist Church, where she served as membership secretary and communion steward; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wells will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by her husband of sixty-three years, William "Bill" Max Wells; children, Kevin Mark (Kathy) Wells, William Martin (Tonya) Wells, and James Michael (Carol) Wells; grandchildren, Kara Kaye Lewis, Jacob Max Wells, and Sarah Arnwine; and great-grandchildren, Skyler Wells, Jack Lewis, and Ethan Arnwine; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Glen Martin "Lefty" Jacobs, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Sally Wells leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sally Ann Jacobs Wells, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Wells.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.